

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2014
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Scott Scafe. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on August 7, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Dean Buchanan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mark Carlson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Scott Scafe, Ken Schlimgen, Fred Perri, and Catherine Griffin. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Cameron Robaczewski. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Mariah Arneson, and John Smalley.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Cameron Robaczewski reported on:

1. A group of five musicians from our high school recently participated in the Coulee Region All-Star honors jazz band: Audra Gaikowski, Dan Hessler, Tony Baldwin, Athen Viner, and Josh Baker. Josh Baker was awarded a scholarship from being a part of this band. Mr. Dave Kies, Band Director, wrote a review about their jazz skills which was then compared to the other applicants in order to be selected to the band. The musicians performed at Piggy's on two separate nights.
2. The high school National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive in the school library during registration from 11:30-4:30. NHS volunteers will be assisting the Red Cross at the blood drive. The NHS has a target goal of 25 people attending their drive.
3. Fall sports practices have started now that it's the beginning of August. All athletes must have their paperwork turned in to begin practice.
4. At 10:00 this morning, about 15 members of the high school student council met to package their new teacher baskets and create their bulletin board. This board will be used throughout the year to inform the student body of the student council's involvement in the community and actions at meetings.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments

Ted Kneifl and Kaytlynne Kneifl spoke in support of having an FFA Advisor/Agriculture Education teacher.

Written and Oral Reports

District Performance Initiative Reports from Eric Jensen, Lisa Gerke, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were read.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Perri seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014; the invoices to be paid; and the Open Enrollment requests for 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Ernie Tourville, Tim Ruppert and Craig Namyst from TCI reviewed the updated plans and costs involved in the elementary safety and security project. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve up to \$535,000 for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Perri seconded to approve the \$13,800 fee for Facility Study Services and to contract with TCI for services as proposed. Motion carried. (4 Aye, 1 Nay)

Mr. Gunderson shared information on long range facilities planning.

Mr. Schlimgen moved to allow the switching of the no school dates, February 13 and February 20 dates, and to place the February Early Release date as best needed for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Mr. Perri moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar changes as requested. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Griffin Nay, Mr. Perri Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Perri seconded to approve the co-curricular compensation schedule for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for changes to the 2014-2015 High School Coaches Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept the resignations of Fay Holey, paraprofessional; Jill Munson, paraprofessional; Bryan Krueger, elementary teacher; and Becky Auna, paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Amber Wieser, Early Childhood Teacher 1.0 FTE; Kamry Long, Grade 5 teacher 1.0 FTE; Elizabeth Jostad, part-time bus garage assistant; Jeffrey Hoch, part-time custodian; Lori DuMars,

part-time Nutrition Services Administrative Assistant; and Bonnie Klos, part-time driver.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Halverson, Clerk

Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk